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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Application of: Sigal, et al.  
Serial No: Unassigned  
Filed: June 29, 2001  
For: **Methods And Apparatus For Improved  
Luminescence Assays Using Microparticles**  
Group Art Unit: Unassigned  
Examiner: Unassigned

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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Prior to the calculation of the fees due and the issuance of a first Office Action in this application, please amend the application by deleting original claims 2-77 and amending the section entitled "CROSS-REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATION" as indicated below.

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